

IA - INPUT Assign Character

| Parameter | Possible Values | Default Value | Applicable Statements |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| IA | any special character | = | SET GLOBALS |

With this session parameter, you determine the character to be used as the assignment character for the input parameter processing in INPUT statements in keyword/delimiter mode, or when processing data from the data stack.

The character specified with the IA parameter must not be the same as the character specified with the CF parameter (control character for terminal commands), DC parameter (decimal character) or ID parameter (input delimiter character).

Note:

The character specified with the IA parameter should not be the same as the one specified with the HI parameter (help character).

Example:

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* Program 'SAMPLE'
DEFINE DATA LOCAL
1 #A (A1)
1 #B (A1)
END-DEFINE
INPUT #A #B
WRITE #A #B
END
```

Enter the system command **GLOBALS IM=D**

Then enter the system command **SAMPLE #A=Y,#B=X**

The program produces the following output: Y X

Enter the system command **GLOBALS IA=:**

Then enter the system command **SAMPLE #B:X,#A:Y**

The program produces the following output: Y X